(d) what is the action plan of Government to improve other passenger amenities at various stations on this rail system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) At present 46 Computerised Reservation Centres are functional in the East Coast Railway and 7 more centres namely Jagatsingpur, Keonjhargarh, Kalahandi, Sonapur, Naupada, Malkangiri and Dantewada have been sanctioned in the year 2005-06.

(d) Many passenger amenity works have been sanctioned for various stations on this rail system in the year 2005-06 which include provision of additional platform shelters, separate reservation complex, computer based announcement system, extension of platforms, new station building, improving circulating area of stations, train enquiry systems, provision of Pay and Use Toilets, Foot Over Bridges, expansion of Computerised Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS), installation of Led (Light Emitting Diode) based coach guidance system on platforms etc.

Reservation in trains for M.Ps

†1946. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been made compulsory for a person sent for getting reservation to have a letter from the Member of Parliament in case a Member of Parliament wants to get his reservation in Mumbai;

(b) if not, why the reservation officer at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal and Church Gate and in Mumbai Central demand for the above letter all the time in spite of giving I.C. number of the Member of Parliament; and

(c) if so, whether the Member of Parliament has been intimated about this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Whenever the requisition form is tendered by a person for reservation of a Member of Parliament alongwith identity card-cum-

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pass, no separate letter from Member of Parliament is required. However, when Identity Card-cum-pass is not produced at the counter, the letter from the Members of Parliament is required for establishing the genuineness of demand.

(c) The rules governing the reservation of berths for Hon'ble Members of Parliament are available with the Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha Secretariats.

Passenger facilities at Buxer station

†1947. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of Government for betterment of passenger facilities at the railway station of Buxar in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that though this is the only important railway station for most of the passengers from Buxar district in Bihar and Balia district in Uttar Pradesh, yet it is lacking in the passenger facilities like waiting rooms, clean toilets etc;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the passengers have to face water logging and garbage outside the station after coming out; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme of Government to tackle these problems and make it comfortable and tension free place for the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) Railway stations are classified in to 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F' categories based on earnings from Passenger traffic at a station. Differential scale of amenities is provided based on category of station. Buxar is an 'A" category station. All the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms are already available at this station.

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